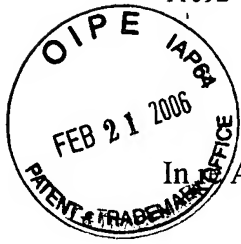


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**(37 C.F.R. 1.114)**

Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

This request is being submitted before (i) the abandonment of this application; (ii) payment of the issue fee; (iii) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; or (iv) the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or 35 U.S.C. § 146.

Applicants enclose a Response to the October 20, 2005 Office Action.

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